

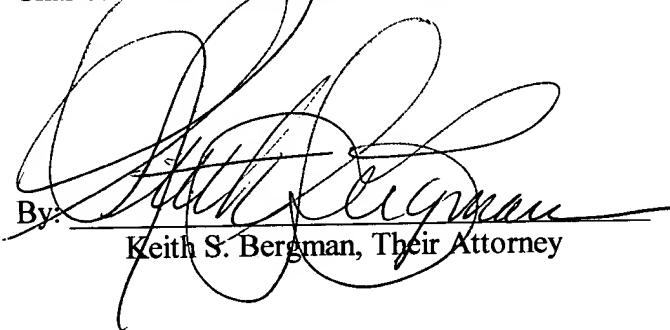
(d) REMARKS

Claims 7-16 presently remain in this Application and were indicated as allowed in the last Office Action indicated as mailed February 27, 2003. The original specification was amended in Applicant's Response indicated as filed November 19, 2002 and a clean copy of that amended specification was presented at that time. Apparently the pending Office Action indicated as mailed February 27, 2003 makes no indication of whether the previously amended specification was approved and filed or not, but presumptively by reason of lack of any objections it is thought by Applicant that the clean copy of that specification has been approved and filed herein.

It appears from the foregoing therefore that this Application is finalized and should be passed for allowance with presently existing Claims 7-16. It is not understood under the PTO's new rules for revised format of amendments whether the clean version of claims not being amended should be part of Section "b" (amendments to the claims) or should be on a separate sheet. The claims are therefore presented in both fashions herein and herewith.

As a matter of record herein the withdrawal by Applicant of rejected Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 is not to be taken as acquiescence, by way of estoppel or otherwise, in the future as any affirmation of the rectitude of the Examiner's rejection of those Claims. The withdrawal of the rejected Claims rather was based on matters of procedural expediency and economic practicality.

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